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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Pursuit of County Position on a State Budget Item.** The Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees are expected to consider a budget request to allocate \$15.0 million in ongoing funding to community-based organizations to expand services for victims of human trafficking. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with policy to support proposals that develop or enhance programs and services, and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation, **the Sacramento advocates will support the proposal to allocate \$15.0 million in the FY 2016-17 State Budget Act for the provision of human trafficking victim services.**
- **Change in Pursuit of County Position on County-support-if-amended SB 254 (Allen).** This measure, related to the relinquishment of portions of the State highway system to local governments, was amended on March 3, 2016. As amended, the bill would now call a special election to be consolidated with the November 8, 2016 statewide general election and place an advisory measure on the ballot regarding Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. **Therefore, the Sacramento advocates will remove the County's support-if-amended position on SB 254 and take a no position on the bill.**

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Pursuit of County Position on a State Budget Item Related to Human Trafficking

As part of State Budget deliberations, the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees are expected to consider a budget request from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) to allocate \$15.0 million in ongoing funding to community-based organizations to expand and stabilize services for victims of human trafficking.

The FY 2015-16 State Budget Act includes \$10.0 million in one-time funding to support grants for community groups providing services to victims of human trafficking. This funding is intended to enable ten organizations to assist approximately 500 victims with housing, legal, mental health and social services.

The Los Angeles region is one of the nation's 13 High Intensity Child Prostitution areas identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Pursuant to Board-approved actions over the past couple of years, including the establishment of a County Sex Trafficking Task Force in 2012, the County is playing a leading role in identifying and helping victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). The County's Probation Department provides extensive training to probation officers, Department of Children and Family Services social workers, law enforcement personnel, and local service providers to increase awareness and identify child sex trafficking victims. The County also has sought to identify CSEC victims in the child welfare system so that they are not victimized. This budget proposal would enhance the larger County and community collaborative effort by providing ongoing funding to community-based organizations to expand services for victims of human trafficking. According to CAST, this annual appropriation would provide assistance for 3,520 victims statewide over a six-year period.

Consistent with existing Board-approved policy, this office supports the budget proposal for \$15.0 million in annual funding to comprehensively serve, on an ongoing basis, trafficked men, women, and children. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with policy to support proposals that develop or enhance programs and services, and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation, **the Sacramento advocates will support the proposal to allocate \$15.0 million in annual funding in the FY 2016-17 State Budget Act for the provision of human trafficking victim services.**

This budget proposal is scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety on March 9, 2016.

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Change in Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

County-support-if-amended SB 254 (Allen), which would establish procedures for the relinquishment of portions of the State highway system without explicit legislative authorization, was amended on March 3, 2016. As amended, the bill would now call a special election to be consolidated with the November 8, 2016, statewide general election and require the Secretary of State to place an advisory measure on the November 2016 ballot asking whether the Congress of the United States should propose, and the California Legislature should ratify, an amendment or amendments to the United States Constitution to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Therefore, **the Sacramento advocates will remove the County's support-if-amended position on SB 254 and take a no position on the bill.**

This office will work with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and County Counsel to review the new bill language and report back.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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